

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for operating a plurality of power generation stations, the system comprising:

a general control device for monitoring a plurality of power generation stations, each of the stations including at least one electric power generation unit;

a plurality of unit control devices, each of which monitoring each of the generation units, the unit control devices producing alarm data, each of the alarm data having its alarm level representing the importance of the alarm data; [[and]]

communication means for exchanging data between the general control device and each of the unit control devices;

~~wherein, only part of the alarm data produced in the unit control devices are displayed at the general control device~~

alarm level threshold setting means for setting an alarm level threshold for display at the general control device, the alarm level threshold being decided depending upon importance of the alarm data in view of the general control device;

selecting means for selecting part of the alarm data based on the alarm level and the alarm level threshold; and

means for displaying the selected part of the alarm data.

2. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
~~each of the alarm data has its alarm level representing the importance of the alarm data;~~

~~the general control device includes alarm level threshold setting means for setting an alarm level threshold for display at the general control device, the alarm level threshold being decided depending upon importance of the alarm data in view of the general control device;~~

~~each of the unit control devices includes means for selecting part of the alarm data based on the alarm level and the alarm level threshold; and~~
the alarm level threshold setting means is disposed in the general control device;
the selecting means is disposed in each of the unit control devices; and
the selected part of the alarm data are sent to the general control device via the communication means, ~~where the selected part of the alarm data are displayed.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

~~(a) each of the alarm data has its alarm level representing the importance of the alarm data;~~

the alarm level threshold setting means and the selecting means are disposed in (b)
each of the unit control devices ~~includes; ; and~~

~~alarm level threshold setting means for setting an alarm level threshold for display at the general control device, the alarm level threshold being decided depending upon importance of the alarm data in view of the general control device; and~~

~~selecting means for selecting part of the alarm data based on the alarm level and the alarm level threshold; and~~

(e) the selected part of the alarm ~~are~~ is sent to the general control device via the communication means, ~~where the selected part of the alarm data are displayed.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A system ~~as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the general control device includes~~ for operating a plurality of power generation stations, the system comprising:

a general control device for monitoring a plurality of power generation stations, each of the stations including at least one electric power generation unit;

a plurality of unit control devices, each of which monitoring each of the generation units, the unit control devices producing alarm data; and

communication means for exchanging data between the general control device and each of the unit control devices;

wherein, only part of the alarm data produced in the unit control devices are displayed at the general control device; and

wherein the general control device includes:

specifying means for specifying items out of the alarm data not to display at the general control device;

means for selecting part of the alarm data excluding the alarm data of the items specified by the specifying means from the alarm data sent from the unit control devices via the communication means; and

means for displaying the part of the alarm data selected by the selecting means.

5. (Currently Amended) A system ~~as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the general control device includes~~ for operating a plurality of power generation stations, the system comprising:

a general control device for monitoring a plurality of power generation stations, each of the stations including at least one electric power generation unit;

a plurality of unit control devices, each of which monitoring each of the generation units, the unit control devices producing alarm data; and

communication means for exchanging data between the general control device and each of the unit control devices;

wherein, only part of the alarm data produced in the unit control devices are displayed at the general control device; and

wherein the general control device includes:

input means for stipulating at least one operation phase of the generation units to be displayed at the general control device;

receiving means for receiving alarm data from the unit control devices via the communication means, the alarm data including data indicating the operation phases of the generation units;

means for selecting a first part of the alarm data from the alarm data received by the receiving means;

means for selecting a second part of the alarm data from the first part of the alarm data based on the operation phases of the generation units corresponding to the operation phase stipulated by the input means; and

means for displaying the second part of the alarm data.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A general control device for monitoring a plurality of power generation stations, each of the stations including at least one electric power generation unit having a unit control device, the general control device being connected to each of the unit control devices via communication means, the general control device comprising:

input means for stipulating at least one operation phase of the generation units to be displayed at the general control device;

receiving means for receiving alarm data from the unit control devices via the communication means, the alarm data indicating data related to the operation phases of the generation units;

means for selecting first part of the alarm data from the alarm data received by the receiving means;

means for selecting second part of the alarm data from the first part of the alarm data based on the operation phases of the generation units corresponding to the operation phase stipulated by the input means; and

means for displaying the second part of the alarm data.

8-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the display means includes~~ for operating a plurality of power generation stations, the system including a general control device for monitoring a plurality of power generation units, the device comprising;

means for storing current unit state data of the generation units, the state data being supplied from the generation units;

means for storing fixed data of the generation units for display at the general control device, the fixed data including shapes of unit icons representing the generation units; and

display means for displaying the current unit state data including the unit icons at the general control device, the display means utilizing the stored fixed data, the display means

including means for changing at least one out of shape, size[[,]] and color ~~and the location~~ of the displayed current unit state data, based on specification or the current unit state data of the generation units.

16. (Currently amended) A system ~~as claimed in Claim 14~~, for operating a plurality of power generation stations, the system including a general control device for monitoring a plurality of power generation units, the device comprising:

means for storing current unit state data of the generation units, the state data being supplied from the generation units;

means for storing fixed data of the generation units for display at the general control device; and

display means for displaying the current unit state data including unit icons indicating the generation units at the general control device, the display means utilizing the stored fixed data, wherein:

(a) the plurality of the generation units comprises at least one group consisting of a plurality of power generation units; and

(b) the display means includes:

means for selectively displaying a group icon, indicating current state of the group, while suppressing display of the current unit state data of each generation units forming the group; and

means for selectively displaying the current unit state data of each generation units forming the group when required.

17. (Original) A system as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the display means includes means for displaying current unit state data of each generation unit forming the group when at least one of the generation units forming the group has an alarm data.

18. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the icons indicating the generation units which have the alarm data have a common feature different from the feature of the icons indicating the generation units which ~~does~~ do not have an alarm data.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a plurality of power generation units at a single general control device the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, at the general control device, alarm data from ~~collecting alarm data~~ at the power generation units, each of the alarm data having its alarm level representing the importance of the alarm;

~~sending at least part of the collected alarm data to the general control device via communication means;~~

setting an alarm level threshold for display at the general control device, the alarm level threshold being decided upon importance of the alarm data in view of the general control device;

selecting ~~important~~ part of the ~~collected~~ received alarm data based on the alarm level and the alarm level threshold; and

displaying the selected part of the ~~collected~~ alarm data at the general control device.

20. (Canceled)